

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CR FMC
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Plaintiff(s),)	CRIMINAL MOTION AND TRIAL
)	ORDER
vs.)	
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Defendant(s).)	
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The above matter is set for trial before the Honorable Florence-Marie Cooper, Courtroom 750, Roybal Federal Building, 255 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Motions:

1. Pre-trial motions shall be filed by _____. Opposition shall be filed by _____. Replies, if any, must be filed on or before the Friday preceding the Monday hearing.

2. Hearing on motions and Status Conference are set for _____, at 1:30 p.m.

3. Trial is set for _____, at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of trial. Trial shall commence at 8:00 a.m. after the first day of trial.

4. All papers shall be served personally or faxed to opposing counsel no later 4:30 p.m. on the day of filing, with conformed courtesy copies of documents delivered to the Court's drop box.

1 5. Counsel are ORDERED to list their facsimile transmission numbers
2 along with their address and telephone numbers on all papers submitted to the Court
3 in order to facilitate communication by the Court.

4 **Discovery and Notice:**

5 6. Counsel for the Government and counsel for the defendant shall comply
6 promptly with discovery and notice matters pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 12, 12.1, 12.2,
7 12.3, 15 and 16.

8 **Trial Preparation:**

9 7. Counsel shall arrive at the Courtroom not later than 8:30 a.m. on the first
10 day of trial. Trial shall commence at 8:00 a.m. on subsequent days.

11 8. Counsel for the Government shall present the Courtroom Deputy Clerk
12 with the following documents:

- 13 a. Three copies of the Government's witness list;
- 14 b. Three copies of the Government's exhibit list in the form specified
15 by Local Rule 8.5 (Civil);
- 16 c. All of the Government's exhibits shall be delivered to the Clerk
17 no later than 8:30 a.m. on the first day of trial. The exhibits must have official exhibit
18 tags and the tags must bear the same number as that on the exhibit list. The
19 Defendant's counsel need not deliver his/her exhibits to the Clerk on the first day of
20 trial; however, the Defendant's counsel is responsible for affixing completed exhibit
21 tags with the case name and case number to the exhibits to be used in the Defendant's
22 case. Exhibits shall be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. If a blow-up is an enlargement of an
23 existing exhibit, counsel shall designate it with the number of the original exhibit
24 followed by an "A." Counsel for the Government should be aware that the Court will
25 order that exhibits such as firearms, narcotics, etc., remain in the custody of the agents
26 during the pendency of the trial. The agent will be required to sign the appropriate
27 form to take custody of the exhibits. It shall be the responsibility of the agents to
28 produce the items for court, secure them at night, and guard them while in the

1 courtroom. Exhibit tags are available at the filing window in the Clerk's Office,
2 Room G-8 of the Spring Street Courthouse; and

3 d. A bench book containing a copy of all exhibits that can be
4 reproduced shall be presented by the Government on the first day of trial. Counsel for
5 the Government shall mark each exhibit with tabs indicating the exhibit number.
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7 9. If counsel needs to arrange for the installation of their own equipment,
8 such as video monitors or overhead projectors, counsel shall notify the Courtroom
9 Deputy Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. two days before trial so that the necessary
10 arrangement can be made.

11 10. After the initial day of trial, trial days are Tuesday through Friday from
12 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with two fifteen-minute breaks, normally at 10:00 a.m. and
13 12:00 p.m. On the first day of trial, the Court will commence at 9:00 a.m. and
14 conclude at 4:00 p.m. with the standard lunch break. Defense counsel shall provide
15 the Court with a copy of the Defendant's exhibits as introduced.

16 11. Each afternoon, the Court will give counsel an opportunity to discuss
17 administrative matters and anticipated procedural or legal problems. The Court
18 reserves the time from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to handle legal and administrative
19 matters outside the presence of the jury. Counsel is urged to anticipate matters which
20 may need discussion outside the jury's presence and to raise them during this period.

21 **Jury Instructions and Verdict Forms:**

22 12. Jury instructions in the form described in paragraph 14 shall be submitted
23 no later than the Wednesday of the week prior to trial. Counsel need only submit
24 proposed substantive instructions. The Court will formulate general instructions
25 based primarily on the format set out by the Committee on Model Jury Instructions
26 for the Ninth Circuit, *Manual of Criminal Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit*
27 (2003 edition).

28 13. The parties must submit joint jury instructions. In order to produce the

instructions, the parties shall meet and confer sufficiently in advance of the required submission date with the goal of agreeing upon instructions and verdict forms. The jury instructions shall be submitted as follows: (1) joint jury instructions, i.e., those instructions to which all parties agree; and (2) disputed jury instructions, i.e., those instructions propounded by a party to which another party objects. The party objecting to the disputed instructions shall file its objections no later than the Friday before trial. The party must state the reasons for the objection, provide a proposed alternative instruction with supporting authority, and provide copies of all authorities. Each requested jury instruction shall be numbered and set forth in full on a separate page, citing the authority or source of the requested instruction except on the “jury copy” described below.

14. Reference to the jury instructions in the *Manual of Model Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit* or the *California Book of Approved Jury Instructions Criminal* shall be by number only. The Court requests only a list of those numbered instructions which the Court has accessible on its computer. Do not provide written copies of those instructions.

15. The Court prefers counsel to use the instructions from the Committee on Model Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit, *Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit* (2003 edition).

16. An index page shall accompany all jury instructions that are submitted to the Court. The index page shall indicate the following:

- a. The number of the instruction;
- b. A brief title of the instruction;
- c. The source of the instruction; and
- d. The page number of the instruction.

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17. Counsel shall follow the procedure set forth in paragraph 14 in order to formulate a joint proposed verdict form. Counsel shall submit the proposed verdict form with the proposed jury instructions.

18. If counsel prepared the special jury instructions or the proposed verdict using WordPerfect 5.0, 5.1, 6.1 or 7.0, counsel shall provide to the Court a floppy disk containing the proposed instructions along with the hard copy.

Instructions Governing Procedure During Trial:

19. Counsel shall not refer to their clients or witnesses by their first names during trial.

20. Counsel shall not discuss the law or argue the case in opening statements.

21. When objecting, counsel shall state only “objection” and the legal ground for the objection (e.g., hearsay, irrelevant, etc.). Court permission is needed to argue an objection, and the argument must be outside of the hearing of the jury.

22. The Court reserves the time from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. to handle legal and administrative matters outside the presence of the jury. The trial before the jury will commence promptly at 8:00 a.m. Counsel are urged to anticipate matters which may need discussion or hearing outside of the presence of the jury and to raise them during this period.

23. Counsel shall not approach the clerk or the witness box without the Court’s permission.

24. Counsel shall rise when addressing the Court. In jury cases, counsel shall rise when the jury enters or leaves the courtroom.

25. Counsel shall address all remarks to the Court. Counsel shall not directly address the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, the Court Reporter, or opposing counsel.

1 Counsel must ask the Court for permission to talk off the record in order to speak with
2 opposing counsel. Counsel shall address all requests for the re-reading of questions
3 or answers and all requests to have an exhibit placed in front of a witness to the Court.

4 26. Counsel shall not make an offer of stipulation unless he/she has conferred
5 with opposing counsel and believes that the stipulation will be accepted. Any
6 stipulation of fact will require the Defendant's personal concurrence and shall be
7 submitted to the Court in writing for approval.

8 27. While Court is in session, counsel may not leave the counsel table to
9 confer with investigators, secretaries, or witnesses in the back of the courtroom unless
10 the Court grants permission to do so in advance.

11 28. When a party has more than one lawyer, only one of the lawyers may
12 conduct the examination of a given witness and only that same lawyer may handle
13 objections during the testimony of that witness.

14 29. If a witness was on the stand before a recess or adjournment, counsel
15 shall have the witness back on the stand and ready to proceed when the Court
16 resumes.

17 30. If you run out of witnesses and there is more than a brief delay, the Court
18 may deem that you have rested.

19 31. The Court attempts to cooperate with doctors and other professional
20 witnesses and will, except in extraordinary circumstances, accommodate them by
21 permitting them to be examined out of sequence. Counsel should discuss this issue
22 with opposing counsel. If there is an objection, confer with the Court in advance.

23 Dated this _____ day of _____ 2007.

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26 FLORENCE-MARIE COOPER, Judge
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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EXHIBIT LIST

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WITNESS LIST

Plaintiff(s),

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SAMPLE FORMAT

WITNESSES FOR PLAINTIFF	DATES OF TESTIMONY
	(to be filled in during trial)
WITNESSES FOR DEFENDANT	